

Harbor Advisory Committee

Wednesday Jan 8th, 2020

6.30 pm Seaside 1

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 8TH, 2020

Members present: Carl Doane (Chair, CD), Philip Leahy (Secretary, PL), Dan Lane (DL), Ed Conway (EC), Steve Lauber (SL), Dan Grey (DG),

Members of the public: Bion Pike (HM), Emmet Holt, Ed Cushing, Mary Foley, others

Call to Order: 6:30pm

Documents presented: Agenda.

1. Approval of December 4th, 2019 Minutes.

Documents presented: Draft Minutes of Dec 4th, 2019

Motion to accept minutes of Dec 4th by EC. Second by CD. Motion passed.

2. Public Comment

No comment

3 Harbormaster Update

Documents presented: Harbormaster Update dated January 8th, 2020

1.1 HM Office

Tetrattech (Robert Parsons) is conducting a survey of the HM office at Reed Park (which would include restrooms, HM office and Visitor center) and a separate survey for restrooms at Masconomo Park. Current estimates are approx. \$500k for Reed Park building and \$528k for Masconomo restrooms. The reason for the higher cost of the (smaller) Masconomo restrooms is the site work involved. It was considered that this committee should focus on the HM office and Parks & Recreation should look at the restrooms in Masconomo.

1.2 Mooring fees

Current mooring fees are USD12.50/foot. These are the highest mooring fees in the area. However the town is facing substantial capital projects and the Waterway fund alone needs to finance the next dredging project which will cost

in the region of USD 3.0m -USD 6.0m. The lower end occurs if the harbor adopts the bow/stern mooring proposal. There are State grants available for 50% (up to a maximum grant of USD 2.5m) of the project. The Waterway fund adds USD 125k/annum to the dredging fund. Thus we will be short of funds unless additional revenue is found. A 2% increase in mooring fees will only generate \$5k/annum. On the other hand Reed Park netted USD15k last year and is expected to net substantially more in 2020.

1.3 Mooring Guidelines

Documents Presented: [Harbormaster Mooring Guidelines](#)

The HM presented the new mooring guidelines which were discussed at the last meeting. These guidelines are based on Beverly regulations. There was a fair amount of discussion on this topic. There are 4 mooring service providers that the HM has approved for mooring installation and inspection (Crockers Boat Yard, Manchester Mooring, Cronin Mooring Marine and MYC). It was acknowledged that each vessel has a different mooring tackle set up. Thus these regulations are essentially minimum guidelines that the Mooring Service providers will use to chose the best suited tackle and mooring for each vessel. Some amendments were proposed by the committee and members of the public including

- i) Clarify the use of bridles.
- ii) Change the requirement to replace the primary pennant from three years to five years.

SL proposed a motion to accept the amended Mooring Guidelines and to permit the HM to present for adoption to the BOS. Seconded by EC. Motion passed.

3. Next HAC meeting date

The next HAC meeting will be held on Wednesday February 12th.

4. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn SL. Second CD. Motion passed.

Signed by Carl Doane



2-19-20

Chairman of Harbor Advisory Committee.